

July 2005
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

During the month of July, the Central Command experienced a .8% decrease in the total number of crashes when compared to June. As in June, fatal crashes have continued to increase. The fatal crashes that began the last two weeks of June continued through July with 9 fatal crashes killing 14 people. Of the 14 persons killed, 5 were not wearing occupant restraints. These fatal crashes were spread throughout the Command and some occurred in areas that routinely do not have many crashes.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 4.3% when compared to June. The most notable increase was in speed enforcement of 15.2%. The Central Command cracked the 4,000 total violation mark for the first time since the "SafeStat" program began. When compared to the same reporting period the previous year, personnel experienced an outstanding month with substantial increases occurring in most enforcement categories. There were increases in the total violation category of 78.7%, the occupant restraint category of 75.1%, the hazardous moving category of 21.3% and the speed violation category of 100.8%.

Commercial Enforcement personnel had a decrease in inspections of commercial vehicles and drivers of 32.2% during July. Some of this decrease can be attributed to the 72 hour road check conducted in June which increased the number of inspections not normally noted in June. With the fewer inspections being conducted in July came a corresponding decline in violations cited and vehicle and drivers being placed out of service. Despite the decline in total trucks being weighed in July, 8 more overweight citations were issued when compared to June. On a positive note, hazardous moving violations increased by 716.7% or 43 more citations were issued when compared to June. It also should be noted that the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section is on track to either meet or exceed all Federal goals assigned to this Command for the Federal fiscal year.

Traffic personnel conducted 326 Level 3 inspections in July, finding 532 violations and placing 28 drivers out of service.

The Communication Center had a 6.3% increase in radio transmissions, a 4.3% increase in Cad incidents generated and a 22.3% increase in telephone calls in July when compared to June.

Overall the Central Command experienced a very good month in July. Personnel have continued with their efforts to improve in all aspects of the job. Everyone is commended for their efforts and is appreciated for a job well done.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	July-05		July-04	% Change		June-05	% Change
Total Crashes	130		102	27.5%		131	-0.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	71		56	26.8%		81	-12.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	50		40	25.0%		42	19.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9		6	50.0%		8	12.5%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	7		5	40.0%		6	16.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	14		6	133.3%		10	40.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		5	-80.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	4		0	400.0%		3	33.3%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3		4	-25.0%		1	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	3		1	200.0%		1	200.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	3		0	300.0%		0	300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	23		27	-14.8%		22	4.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14		22	-36.4%		15	-6.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	8		5	60.0%		6	33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 6.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.4%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 45.5%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 17.7%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ There was one less crash in July as compared to June. Property damage crashes declined by over 12% while injury and fatal crashes increased by 18% combined. The increase in fatal crashes that began the last two weeks of June continued through July with 9 fatal crashes in July killing 14 people. These were spread throughout the Command and some in areas that routinely do not have many crashes.
- ☒ During July there were 7 crashes involving impaired drivers. All but one of these crashes occurred in either Elko or Battle Mountain. The average BAC for those results known is .192.
- ☒ There was one additional crash involving a commercial vehicle in July as compared to June. Of the 23 crashes involving commercial vehicles, 13 or 56.5% were the fault of the commercial driver. Of the 23 crashes, 12 occurred on I-80 and 11 on secondary highways.
- ☒ The Command investigated one crash on I-80 that was a chain reaction crash due to blowing dust and sand. This crash involved 19 vehicles, 12 passenger vehicles, 6 commercial vehicles and one that left the scene, presumed to be a passenger vehicle. This crash resulted in 4 fatalities.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	July-05	July-04	% Change	June-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	7	5	40.0%	6	16.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	15	17	-11.8%	29	-48.3%
Other Arrests	120	75	60.0%	135	-11.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	53	41	29.3%	71	-25.4%
Speed violations	2576	1283	100.8%	2237	15.2%
Hazardous moving violations	228	188	21.3%	286	-20.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	373	213	75.1%	390	-4.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	4050	2266	78.7%	3882	4.3%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	49	15	226.7%	6	716.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	23	7	228.6%	73	-68.5%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	465	448	3.8%	686	-32.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	132	84	57.1%	151	-12.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	794	753	5.4%	1223	-35.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	39	32	21.9%	66	-40.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	20	24	-16.7%	59	-66.1%
Total school buses inspected	63	78	-19.2%	86	-26.7%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	18	26	-30.8%	16	12.5%
Total trucks weighed	260	1300	-80.0%	268	-3.0%
Total overweight citations	14	0	1400.0%	6	133.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	451	434	3.9%	673	-33.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	2	0	200.0%	0	200.0%

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
July-05	326	152	532	28	270	1
June-05	279	139	492	28	237	0
% Change	16.8%	9.4%	8.1%	0.0%	13.9%	100.0%

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July-04	33	28	41	1	13	0
% Change	887.9%	442.9%	1197.6%	2700.0%	1976.9%	100.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- ☒ Overall activity increased by 4.3%. The Central Command fractured the 4,000 barrier for the first time. Speed violations increased by over 15%. Hazardous moving violations declined by over 20% and occupant restraint citations decreased by 17 fewer citations.
- ☒ Arrests for impaired driving prior to a crash declined by over 48%. Much of this is due to the large amount of DUI arrests associated with the Elko Motorcycle Jamboree in June. The average BAC for arrests in July was .12.
- ☒ Inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers conducted by commercial operations personnel declined by 32%. Some of this is due to the 72 hour road check that Command personnel participated in during June which increased the number of inspections conducted in June. With fewer inspections came a corresponding decline in the number of violations discovered along with a decline in the number of vehicles and drivers placed "out of service." There were 8 fewer vehicles weighed, but the amount of overweight citations issued more than doubled. Two dyed fuel violations were discovered during 451 dyed fuel inspections. The two violations were two large scrapers that were being driven on the highway.
- ☒ During July, traffic operations personnel conducted 326 Level 3 inspections. This resulted in the discovery of 532 violations, 152 citations issued and 28 drivers placed "out of service." Traffic personnel discovered one dyed fuel violation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	July-05	July-04	% Change	June-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	88,237	69,139	27.6%	83,012	6.3%
CAD incidents	11,497	8,209	40.1%	11,021	4.3%
Telephone Calls	15,930	N/A	#VALUE!	13,023	22.3%
Call Box Incidents	73	N/A	#VALUE!	58	25.9%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	125	83	50.6%	134	-6.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	57	50	14.0%	80	-28.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	15	9	66.7%	17	-11.8%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	399	N/A	#VALUE!	228	75.0%
Warrants Entered	164	426	-61.5%	468	-65.0%
Warrants Cleared	146	144	1.4%	123	18.7%
Warrants Validated	2707	1752	54.5%	2730	-0.8%
Extradition / Transports	4	N/A	#VALUE!	4	0.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	18	35	-48.6%	24	-25.0%
New Items Submitted	38	174	-78.2%	101	-62.4%
Items Disposed	173	178	-2.8%	715	-75.8%

Contract Service overtime for July was 12 escorts for 378 hours totalling \$21,595.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- ☒ The Communications Center had increases in the number of radio transmissions and the number of CAD incidents generated. Much of this increase is a result of the increase in enforcement by personnel. The number of telephone call increased by over 22%. Some of the increase can be attributed to the 19 vehicle crash in which the Communications Center was overwhelmed with telephone calls for almost a 20 hour period.
- ☒ The Front Office processed fewer accident, arrest and officer repots as compared to June. For all reports processed this was a 14.7% decline.
- ☒ There was a 75% increase in the number of warrants received. However, only 164 warrants were entered for a 65% decline as compared to June. The number of warrants cleared increased by almost 19% and the number of warrants validated remained relatively even.

- ☒ There was a 25% decline in the number of new cases submitted to the Evidence Vault. There were only 38 items submitted with these 18 new cases. The amount of items disposed of declined sharply, 76%, due to the emphasis of disposing of articles in June.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ Issues concerning emergency vehicle operation of fire apparatus was discussed with Elko Fire Department.
- ☒ A PIO meeting was held with the local fire officials and law enforcement dealing with wildfires and effects on roadways and traffic flow.
- ☒ PIO Gonzalez participated in a child passenger safety task force meeting with representatives from Office of Traffic Safety.
- ☒ Instruction was conducted in Elko for the Family Vehicle Safety Program as required by the court. Ten students attended.
- ☒ CDL training was conducted for Granbury Supply in Elko with 6 students attending.



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